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### Media Release

#### **Major Accident Investigation Scene Called to Assist Lyon County Sheriff's Office Regarding 5-Year-Old Fernley Girl Killed in Accident**

On Thursday, January 2, 2014 at approximately 4:00 pm, Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a residence on 7<sup>th</sup> Street near "E" Street in Fernley to assist the Lyon County Sheriff's Office with a tragic accident involving a 5-year-old girl who had been fatally struck by a motor vehicle.

The preliminary crash investigation details indicate that 5-year-old Alysia Simper of Fernley was riding her tricycle on the adjacent sidewalk along 7<sup>th</sup> Street, with another child who was riding a scooter. Both young girls were accompanied by Alysia's grandmother who was riding a bicycle with them. The young girl riding the scooter may have fallen down or just stopped for a moment, and the grandmother briefly stopped to assist her. Meanwhile, Alysia continued to pedal her cycle on the sidewalk alone for a short distance and was subsequently struck by a moving vehicle.

53-year-old Patricia A. Anderson of Fernley was backing her white 1996 Mercedes 4-door sedan out of her driveway onto 7<sup>th</sup> Street and failed to observe the tricycle. The rear portion of the sedan struck Alysia and she was ejected from her tricycle as the sedan backed over her. The injuries to Alysia were fatal and she was pronounced deceased at the scene. Anderson displayed signs of intoxication and was subsequently arrested by the Lyon County Sheriff's Office for felony DUI causing death. She was transported to the Lyon County Detention Facility in Yerington and booked.

Sergeant Scott Farmer, supervisor of the Nevada Highway Patrol's Major Accident Investigation Team, is investigating this tragic event. Witnesses, or anyone with additional information, are encouraged to contact him at (775) 689-4614 or [sfarmer@dps.state.nv.us](mailto:sfarmer@dps.state.nv.us) regarding case number NHP-140100199.

